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Subject: RE: Facilitator for Portland Meeting

Mike-I agree, we definitely need an agenda for the meeting. I think that the elements you suggested--background/history, past difficulties, major concerns and a subsequent discussion/agreement on a way forward funnel us nicely toward a positive outcome. Namely, that through a policy-based perspective and discussion, we would look to achieve consensus on how we can do things differently to achieve a: 1) science/engineering based, 2) publicly transparent and 3) mutually-supported interagency effort leading to a shared stakeholder vision for re-evaluating the Columbia-Snake system.

Go ahead and take the first crack at an agenda. We'll bat it back and forth until we get it where it needs to be. I will be on the road this week in Portland for a workshop on Harmful Algal Blooms and a meeting of our Water Quality Committee. I expect to have email and plan to check it in the evenings. Let's stay in touch next week and if need be, we could follow up with a phone call. I will be back in the office next Monday September 17th. Thanks,
Dave

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Fair enough, Dave. We'll stand down on the facilitator idea.

Would be good to have an agenda, though. Should we take a shot at drafting something to share? My impression is that we should start with a little history, acknowledge our past difficulties, try to get the major concerns out on the table.

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Meeting

Mike-I'm back in the office for a few days this week then out to Portland next week and then two weeks later for our meeting. Then back to Montana for the Riverine Restoration course that I sponsor with the Flathead Lake Biological Station. I'll be glad to unpack my bags for a while after that run!

Regarding the facilitator, I had my own thoughts and wanted to solicit the thinking of our NWD folks with regard to this possibility (that's why I'm not getting back to you until today). The purpose of our federal policy discussion on September 25th and 26th is to meet face-to-face and confirm that, amongst us, we have sufficient trust, understanding and agreement between our 3 agencies to proceed with the next step in the 3-step process that we have laid out.

If we are successful with all three steps, we would then re-open the Columbia-Snake modeling effort and associated re-examination of water quality standards for temperature and re-development of TMDLs for managing non-compliant waters. In this context, we feel outside facilitation is neither helpful nor desirable. I am confident that we can effectively manage and document the meeting and associated discussion on our own. We look forward to working with you and your team to make it happen!

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Hi Dave,

I can't remember now if you are on leave or travel this week or not. Turns out, we can arrange to have an outside facilitator for our September meeting in Portland. I had not been thinking about that, but when the idea came up, I thought it might be helpful. If you are okay with that, I think we MIGHT be able to get the same outfit that facilitated our November meeting, but we will need to move fast. Okay?

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